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## **VIA ECF**

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: Am. Civil Liberties Union et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Justice et al., 15-cv-9002 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

This Office represents the United States Department of Justice in the above-referenced FOIA action. I write respectfully to request that the Court extend the Government's time to file a motion of summary judgment by one week from February 29, 2016, to March 7, 2016. The Government has not sought or received an earlier extension of this deadline, and the plaintiffs consent to the extension. If the Court grants the requested extension, it will affect the other deadlines in this matter, and therefore, the Government has attached a proposed revised Scheduling Order for the Court's consideration.

The Government requests the additional time to finalize its anticipated filings in this case, and to complete the necessary intra-Government review and coordination.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter motion.

Respectfully,

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